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## News Digest

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### Annual fire-hydrant flushing to begin

The Harford County Public Works Department's Water and Sewer Division will begin its biannual flushing of about 4,000 fire hydrants tomorrow.

Flushing will take place between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Division officials expect the project to be completed around Dec. 15.

Residents may see temporary discoloration of water, changes in water pressure, and temporary interruption of water service during flushing, officials said.

Information: 410-612-1612.

### Library board chair up for new term

Harford County Executive David R. Craig has recommended the reappointment of Jennifer L. Vido as chairperson of the Harford County Public Library Board of Trustees.

The Harford County Council is expected to take up Craig's recommendation at its Tuesday meeting.

A board member since 2003, Vito was selected for re-appointment as board chair unanimously by the trustees.

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Information: 410-638-3343.

## Reading programs need volunteers

Individuals who enjoy working with children, either one-on-one or in a group setting, and want to share their love of reading should consider volunteering with the Harford County Public Library.

Programs in need of volunteers are:

- **Sharing the Gift:** Encourage a child's enthusiasm for reading while sharing stories, fingerplays and other library materials with children. Or volunteer to visit a licensed preschool or day care center for a half-day each month from October through April.

A two-day training session will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 21 and 22 at the Bel Air branch. Registration is required by Tuesday.

- **Partners in Reading:** This program involves working with elementary-age children. Volunteers also visit a school for one hour a week during the school year.

Training is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Fallston branch. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required by Sept. 28.

Information: 410-273-5600, ext. 247.

## Aberdeen building being demolished

Workers at the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ABCDF) began demolishing the plant's Ton Container Cleanout (TCC) building where agent containers were once cleaned and decontaminated on Monday.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Army officials concluded that the Aberdeen mustard agent stockpile could be a potential terrorist target, posing a risk to the community.

In March 2005, the Army finished destroying the drained mustard agent, one year ahead of schedule.

Monday, ABCDF workers began demolishing the TCC building. Bechtel expects to finish demolishing the TCC in the next few months.

Bechtel will then clean, test and demolish the Process Neutralization Building, where containers of mustard agent were drained and the agent neutralized.

The Army expects to complete all closure field work at ABCDF by the summer of 2007.

## Head of commuter program honored

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently recognized Lyndi Richards with the Bronze Award in the 2006 Race to Excellence.

The honor highlights Richards' work promoting green commuting choices, commuter benefits and the Best Workplaces for Commuters.

Richards manages the Harford Commuter Assistance Program for Harford County government.

Winners were formally recognized Aug. 29 at the Association for Commuter Transportation International Conference in Boston.

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